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SUBJECT: MALIAN CALL FOR MODERATION IN WESTERN SAHARA

1. MALIAN CHIEF OF STATE, MOUSSA TRAORE, SENT A MESSAGE OCTOBER 24 TO KING HASSAN AND PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE STATING THAT THE PROPOSED "INITIATIVE" TOWARD WESTERN SAHARA WAS A CAUSE OF APPREHENSION AND UNEASINESS FOR THE RULING MILITARY COMMITTEE AND THE MALIAN PEOPLE. THE MESSAGE CALLS ON HASSAN TO EXHORT HIS PEOPLE TO SELF-CONTROL AND MODERATION AND TO ABSTAIN FROM ANY ACT WHICH MIGHT AGGRAVATE THE SITUATION PENDING A U.N. DECISION ON THE WESTERN SAHARAN QUESTION.

2. WHILE THIS MESSAGE OF MODERATION IS ADDRESSED TO BOTH SIDES, IT APPEARS, IN FACT, TO BE DIRECTED AT KING HASSAN AND TO SUPPORT THE ALGERIAN POSITION. MALI'S OFFICIAL DAILY L'ESSOR PRINTED THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BESIDE AN ARTICLE FAVORABLY RECOUNTING THE MOBILIZATION OF ANTI-MORROCCAN PUBLIC OPINION IN ALGERIA.
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